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Content from a tailings pond is pictured going down the Hazeltine Creek into Quesnel Lake near the town of Likely on Tuesday. The pond, which stores toxic waste from the Mount Polley gold and copper mine, had its dam break on Monday, spilling its contents into the Hazeltine Creek and causing a wide water-use ban in the area. JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Tailings pond warnings went ignored: Chief

Mount Polley. But mine president denies there were any suggestions the dam would break

Concerns raised in a report three years before a massive tailings pond breached at the Mount Polley gold and copper mine in central British Columbia were "basically ignored," said a First Nations leader whose territory has been soiled by the disaster.

Bev Sellers, chief of the Xatsull First Nation, also known as the Soda Creek Indian Band, said many members of her band were in tears when they learned of Monday's release of a slurry of contaminated water and mine waste into several local waterways.

"Because they know the destruction that's going to happen from this breach. It's just a real sad day," she said Tuesday.

The breach of the earthen dam, at one end of the four-kilometre-long pond, left a 45-metre-wide long swath of muck the length of several football fields through a thick forested area near the open-pit mine southeast of Quesnel.

The release of 10 million cubic metres of water and 4.5 million cubic metres of silt into Polley Lake prompted drinking-water warnings for Quesnel Lake, Polley Lake, Hazeltine Creek, Cariboo Creek and the Quesnel River.

But Brian Kynoch, president of Imperial Metals Corp., told a crowd of about 200 people gathered in the Likely community centre that the water from the tailings pond is almost drinking-water quality.

"The solids at Mount Polley are relatively benign — low mercury, very low arsenic, low metal content," he added.

He denied there was any indication that the dam would burst. "I apologize for what happened. If you asked me two weeks ago if it could happen, I would have said it couldn't."

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From left, Kevin Garratt, Julia Dawn Garratt, Hannah Garratt and Simeon Garratt pose in this undated photo. CONTRIBUTED

Detained Canadians couldn't have stolen Chinese secrets: Son

'No idea what's going on.' Simeon Garratt is shocked his parents are reportedly suspected of stealing state secrets

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Days after the Canadian government accused Chinese hackers of infiltrating government agency computers, the son of a Vancouver couple detained in China on suspicion of stealing state secrets believes his parents have been "caught up in something that's a whole lot bigger than them."

"I have heard that they're safe but they're just a bit confused," Simeon Garratt, the couple's 27-year-old son who lives in Vancouver, said on Tuesday. "They actually have no idea what's going on."

His parents Kevin Garratt, 54, and Julia Dawn Garratt, 53, who have lived and worked in China for the past 30 years, were out for dinner Monday night with friends in the city of Dandong when Chinese authorities detained them.

The detention comes in the wake of accusations from the Canadian government that China hacked into computers at the National Research Council of Canada, which Beijing officials have vehemently denied.

China's official state news agency reported that the couple is being investigated on suspicion of stealing state secrets about the country's military and national defence research.

Garratt said he was in shock at the allegations against his parents, who have lived in China for a long time and wouldn't "try to push the limits or get around the system."

The couple have lived in Dandong since 2008 operating Peter's Coffee Shop, located on the border of North Korea, where they also offer English practice sessions for customers, according to the cafe's website.

Foreign affairs spokesman John Babcock confirmed to Metro in an email that Canadian consular officials are providing assistance to two Canadians who have been placed under investigation in China.

"We are in contact with local Chinese authorities and the family, and are monitoring developments closely," he wrote.

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Abbotsford.

Cops hunt for thief who forced boy to help him steal

A composite sketch of the suspect in an Abbotsford burglary. CONTRIBUTED

Abbotsford police are asking for the public's help to identify a thief who forced a 13-year-old boy to help him rummage through the teen's home in a search for more valuables to steal.

The boy was playing on an electronic device when a man broke into his home in the 35200 block of Christina Place on May 15 around 1:45 p.m., according to a statement from Abbotsford police.

When the man encountered the boy, he locked him in the bathroom for a short time. He then forced the boy to help him search for more valuables before locking him in the bathroom once more.

Police say the man fled with several electronics.

The suspect is described as a clean-shaven, five-foot-eight white man in his 20s with a medium build and short, dark hair. He wore a black leather jacket and jeans.

Investigators have worked with other jurisdictions to find the suspect, but have thus far been unsuccessful.

Anyone with information about the incident or the suspect is being asked to contact Abbotsford police at 604-859-5225 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

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#WeLoveOvey. Police investigate hit-and-run

Well wishes and condolences continue to flood the social media feeds of Vancouver publicist Ovey Yeung, who was seriously injured in a hit-and-run near Rogers Arena early Monday morning.

Yeung, a business and communications consultant, remains in critical condition in hospital, Vancouver police spokesman Const. Brian Montague said Tuesday morning.

Her friends are setting up a crowdfunding campaign to help her with recovery and medical costs and have started the hashtag #WeLoveOvey.

She suffered serious head injuries after being struck by a dark coloured Honda Civic near Pacific Boulevard and Abbott Street around 4 a.m. The driver did not stay at the scene.

No arrests have been made yet, Montague said, but collision investigators are exploring a few tips received Monday and Tuesday. Police are interested in speaking with two witnesses who were standing on the corner of Abbott and Pacific, and a rollerblader standing across the street. EMILY JACKSON/METRO

B.C. teachers' dispute. Bargaining groups to resume negotiations

There is some optimism as both sides in the B.C. teachers' dispute employ their full bargaining teams when negotiations resume later this week.

Bargaining groups from the BC Teachers' Federation and the BC Public School Employers' Association haven't met since contract talks broke down in late June.

Education Minister Peter Fassbender said the government is prepared to bring some "additional concepts" to the table, and he is optimistic a negotiated settlement can be reached before school starts in September.

"I've heard through some of the media reports that the BCTF has said they're prepared to come to the table with some creative ideas. The employer's group is willing to come to the table as well," he said.

The teachers' federation vice-president Glen Hasman has said the union plans to propose new ideas during negotiations this week, but didn't provide details. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Granville Street

Man killed after car rolls over

A 72-year-old man was killed when his car rolled over on Granville Street on Tuesday morning.

The red Oldsmobile was travelling south when it struck the curb, collided with a hedge and rolled onto its side at Granville near 38th Avenue, according to Vancouver police.

The driver was rushed to hospital where he later died.

The driver was the lone occupant of the vehicle. No one else was injured in the crash. Investigators believe it's possible the man had gone into medical distress before losing control of his car. EMILY JACKSON/METRO

A cyclist rides her bike along the new separated bike lane where Cornwall Avenue meets Point Grey Road in July 2014. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO

Mixed reaction to Point Grey Road's greenway

Kitsilano. Residents divided over closure of road to commuters' cars

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A Kitsilano neighbourhood remains polarized over a pedestrian and cyclist greenway one year after the city made the controversial decision to block commuting cars from Point Grey Road.

The neighbourhood is torn between those in favour of the closure — property values have gone up along the quiet street on which many enjoy cycling and walking — and others whose streets have become busier and still don't understand why the city made the decision in late July 2013, said lifetime resident and realtor Spice Lucks.

"It has polarized our neighbourhood, and overall the process didn't yield harmony," she said.

Driving north of 4th Avenue feels like being a "rat in a maze," Lucks said, who is also a cyclist and enjoys riding along Point Grey Road.

The city is still working on tweaks to the traffic patterns, director of transportation Jerry Dobrovolny said Tuesday.

"It still hasn't stabilized," he said, adding that staff will wait to analyze data from back-to-school traffic before proposing a traffic calming plan later in the year. The city has received positive feedback from residents who didn't initially support the changes along with suggestions from residents on how to make improvements, Dobrovolny said.

"We fully understand that people have strong feelings. They love their neighbourhood, they have strong feelings about their neighbourhood and they don't want it ruined," he said.

But people are definitely flocking to the greenway. Weekday traffic has doubled for pedestrians and tripled for cyclists, according to samples taken by the city in August 2012 and June 2014.

Weekend walking traffic tripled to 1,500 from less than 500 and cycling jumped to 3,000 from 600, Dobrovolny said.

Vancouver Canucks president Trevor Linden, who lives in the neighbourhood, praised the greenway in an interview on Team 1040 last week.

It's "an absolute freeway of walkers, dog walkers, bikers, parents with their six-year-old kids riding from Jericho to Kits, and it's pretty special, it's pretty cool," Linden said in a discussion on bike infrastructure.

"Certainly how it's brought in may ruffle feathers, but I think overall it makes our city interesting, unique, it puts us in a different place and I think its fun."

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It's a gooey, dreamy, wasp-y work of art

'Ah yes ... the goo factor'. Douglas Coupland dishes on his Gumhead statue

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For more than two months, people have been sticking gum on a statue of Douglas Coupland's head.

If it sounds like a gooey mess, that's because it is. Passersby have been sticking their gum on the seven-foot sculpture, called Gumhead, since it was erected outside the Vancouver Art Gallery in May.

Before Gumhead comes down Sept. 1, Metro reached out to Coupland for an email interview on the sculpture's progression.

Metro: Gumhead is almost completely covered in gum.

Coupland: It's so ugly-beautiful, isn't it? A total success.

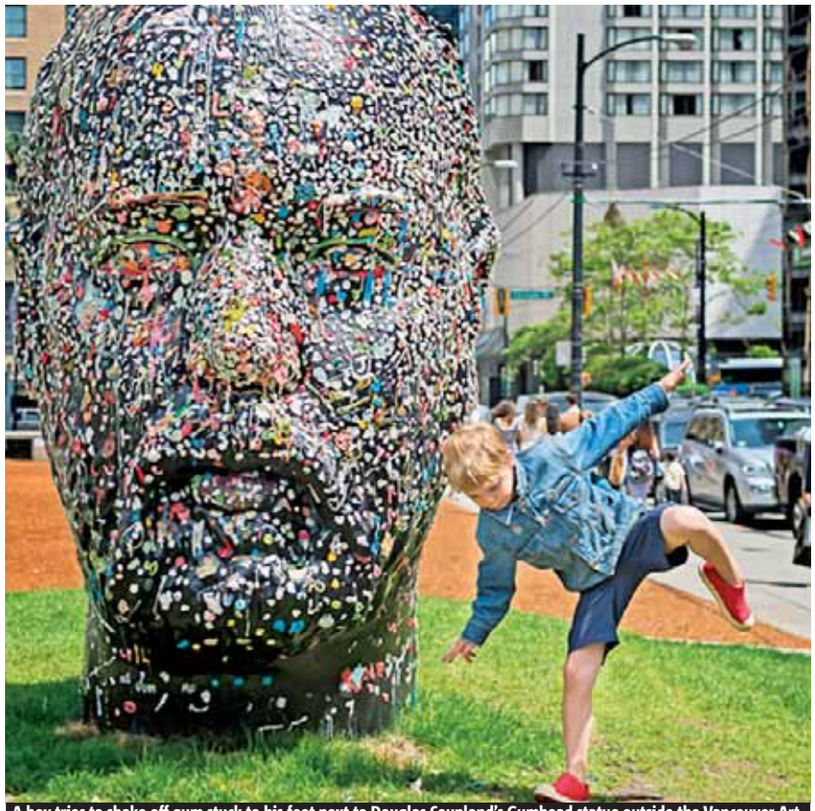
M: What are your thoughts on its progression so far?
C: At first the added gum looked like jewels against the black. And then the Excel chewing gum van parked beside it during the jazz festival and took the whole head to the next level. And then we had a heat wave and the gum started to weep. And now it has a 24-hour cloud of bees and wasps around it. It's a dream.

M: Any surprises?
C: The big surprise was mango-flavoured Hubba Bubba, which provides rich, vibrant, deep-yellow hits of colour. Also, people don't seem to chew pink bubble gum much any more. It's like almost the entire gum industry has moved over to off-whites. This is a loss for society.

M: Gumhead has been described as both genius and disgusting, depending on who you ask. What do you think about the reaction it's getting?
C: I've been everywhere and I've never seen people interact so intimately and for such a long time as they do with Gumhead.

M: It's been a hot and dry summer in Vancouver, and some of the gum has been melting off the statue.
C: Ah yes ... the goo factor.

M: Will Gumhead find a permanent home somewhere?
C: It would be a hard piece to live with inside my house. Maybe I can put it on my roof and have it staring at my neighbours. Or possibly make a mould of the whole piece, cast it in bronze and then paint the chewing gum on top of the bronze ... a permanent masterpiece.



A boy tries to shake off gum stuck to his foot next to Douglas Coupland's Gumhead statue outside the Vancouver Art Gallery. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/FOR METRO

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Crown won't retry father for murder in twin girls' deaths

Nelson Hart is pictured in court in Gander, N.L., on March 26, 2007. TARA BRAUTIGAM/THE CANADIAN PRESS

'Mr. Big sting.' Supreme Court said that Nelson Hart's confession, which was used convict him of murder in 2007, couldn't be used against him

A Newfoundland man convicted of drowning his twin daughters after a so-called Mr. Big sting by the RCMP will not face a new trial after the Supreme Court of Canada ruled what he told police officers is inadmissible.

Hart, now 45, was to be released to an undisclosed location after nine years behind bars. The Crown said it couldn't retry him for murder in the deaths of his three-year-old daughters, Karen and Krista, who wound up in the water near a boat launch called Little Harbour on Aug. 4, 2002.

Lawyers for Hart say there is no evidence of a crime without the confession given during an elaborate police sting.

Hart's conviction in 2007 by a jury in the drowning deaths of his three-year-old twin daughters at Gander Lake was initially overturned on appeal in 2012.

The Supreme Court of Canada upheld that decision last week, ruling a confession Hart gave to police posing as mobsters cannot be used against him.

Hart has maintained that the deaths of his daughters, Karen and Krista, were accidental but changed his story about what happened.

RCMP launched the Mr. Big sting in February 2005 and spent about $413,000 over four months while officers posing as gangsters recruited Hart to join their crime network. Lawyers for Hart at his appeal stressed that he had a Grade 5 education, was on social assistance and was easily led.

They said that he was especially vulnerable to the Mr. Big tactic used by police across Canada to extract confessions of prior crimes. THE CANADIAN PRESS

'Horrendous night.' Search for two missing girls ends with joyful family reunion

A frantic search for two young girls who were missing for about 17 hours at a campground near Calabogie, Ont., ended in smiles, as the nine- and 11-year-old girls were rescued in dramatic fashion Tuesday afternoon by the OPP.

The girls spent a night alone in the woods after wandering too far during a game of manhunt, making for a "horrendous" night for family back at the campsite.

Nine-year-old Elya Munro and her 11-year-old cousin Ember Greatrix were rescued after an intense 16-hour search that involved about 30 officers in a helicopter, ATVs, boats and on foot. It was a voice call that eventually found the lost girls about two kilometres in thick bush. Paramedics delivered the girls back to family in an ATV for a reunion that had parents and grandparents in tears.

"We are so relieved," said Elya's grandmother Helene Ripley, fighting back tears just minutes after the girls were returned. She said the girls slept under a tree overnight and Elya's parents began crying when they saw OPP drive up with them on their ATV.

"We are absolutely thrilled; it was a horrendous night."

Paramedics became concerned that the girls were suffering from hypothermia and dehydration, especially since a thunderstorm ripped through the area overnight. But the girls were found with only minor scratches and bumps. TREVOR GREENWAY/METRO IN OTTAWA

Elya Munro, 9, and her 11-year-old cousin Ember Greatrix, who went missing after a game of hide-and-seek, ride on an ATV with Renfrew OPP. TREVOR GREENWAY/METRO IN OTTAWA

Calgary police probing murder case in Mexico

Nathan O'Brien and his grandmother Kathy Liknes. COURTESY CALGARY POLICE SERVICE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Calgary police investigators are in Mexico as part of an ongoing investigation into the disappearance and presumed murder of a five-year-old boy and his grandparents.

The bodies of Nathan O'Brien and Alvin and Kathy Liknes have not been recovered since the three disappeared from the couple's Calgary home June 29, but police have laid three murder charges.

The couple had been having an estate sale that weekend as they downsized ahead of a move to Edmonton and then to a residence in Mexico.

A Calgary police spokeswoman confirmed Tuesday that officers are in Mexico.

"It's just making sure that all the avenues are covered. There's nothing to it other than just crossing t's and dotting the i's," said Emma Poole.

Douglas Garland, 54, is facing two charges of first-degree murder and one count of second-degree murder.

Garland was initially considered a person of interest in the case and was held on an identity theft charge unrelated to the disappearance of the trio.

Garland had lived for several years in Vancouver using the identity of a dead person. Police alleged he was using that identity again when they brought him in for questioning in the missing-persons case. That charge has now been stayed by the Crown.

Garland is scheduled to return to court next week on the murder charges. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Brandon, Man.

Bird-feeder cat can now eat and drink

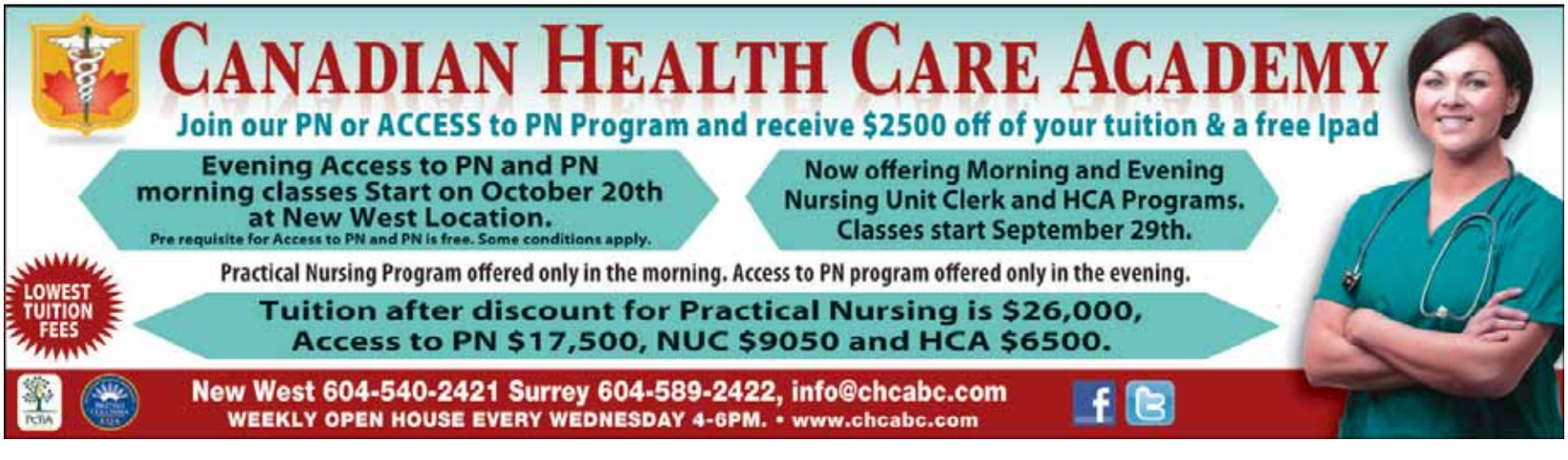
A cat that has been roaming around with a bird feeder stuck on its head has gained a bit of freedom. It appears some of the feeder has fallen off and the cat named Butterscotch can now eat and drink.

The cat's predicament was first spotted July 23 and the Brandon and Area Lost Animals group has been trying to capture the kitty ever since. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Detroit

Man claims self-defence for killing unarmed woman

A man on trial for killing an unarmed woman outside his Detroit home said Tuesday that her "unbelievable" pre-dawn pounding on his doors made him fear for his life, sticking to his self-defence claim during cross-examination. Theodore Wafer is charged with second-degree murder in Renisha McBride's death. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS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Nancy Writebol arrives at Emory University Hospital in Atlanta, Ga.
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Ebola-stricken aid worker arrives at U.S. hospital

A second American aid worker infected with Ebola arrived Tuesday in Atlanta, where doctors will closely monitor the effect of ZMapp, an experimental drug she agreed to take even though its safety was never tested on humans.

Nancy Writebol arrived from Monrovia, Liberia, in a chartered jet at Dobbins Air Reserve Base and was then taken in an ambulance to Emory University Hospital. She joins Dr. Kent Brantly, also diagnosed with the virus, who earlier arrived at Emory and walked from an ambulance.

The two patients — being treated in an isolation unit — were infected despite taking precautions as they treated Ebola patients in West Africa.

Brantly, 33, and Writebol, 59, were working at a missionary clinic outside Liberia's capital. The world's largest Ebola outbreak has now spread to Guinea, Sierra Leone and Nigeria's capital of Lagos, where millions live in densely crowded conditions.

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Sierra Leone police officers hold up posters on Monday as they try to educate people

Airlines keep outbreak of

Precautions. What are carriers doing to ease flyers' concerns?

As the Ebola outbreak in West Africa grows, airlines around the globe are closely monitoring the situation but have yet to make any drastic changes. Here are some key questions about Ebola and what airlines are doing to contain it.

Q: Why are airlines so concerned?
A: Airlines quickly take passengers from one part of the globe to another. With some germs, one sick passenger on a plane could theoretically infect hundreds of people who are connecting to flights to dozens of other countries. Health and airline officials note, however, that Ebola spreads only through direct contact. Outbreaks of diseases that can spread through the air, such as the flu and severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS), are more problematic for airlines.

Q: Should people travel to West Africa?
A: The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on Thursday warned Americans to avoid nonessential travel to the West African nations of Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone.

Q: Is Ebola deadly?
A: Very much so. If contracted, there is no vaccine and no specific treatment. The World

about the deadly Ebola virus. YOUSSOUF BAH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

an eye on Ebola virus

Health Organization estimated Monday that there have been 887 deaths from the current Ebola outbreak. That translates to a fatality rate of about 60 per cent.

Q: How is Ebola transmitted?
A: The virus spreads only through direct contact with the blood or fluids of an infected person, according to the CDC. It can also be spread through objects, such as needles, that have been contaminated with infected fluids. No airborne transmission has been documented.

Q: Are passengers leaving Africa being screened?
A: Since the outbreak erupted, the CDC has sent approximately two dozen staffers in West Africa to help try to track cases, set up emergency response operations and provide other help to control the outbreak. Last week, CDC officials said the agency will send 50 more in the next month. CDC workers in Africa also are helping to screen passengers at airports, according to CDC director Dr. Tom Frieden.

Q: Has the airline industry dealt with any outbreaks in the past?
A: In 2003, there was a global outbreak of SARS. During the 2003 outbreak, 8,098 people worldwide became sick with SARS; 774 of those died. Airports started screening incoming passengers for fever. The disease was devastating for airlines because fearful passengers stayed home.

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Experimental drug

Canada contributing to Ebola fight

Canadian research is at the heart of an experimental Ebola therapy recently given to two American aid workers infected while caring for patients in Liberia.

The unlicensed drug, called ZMapp, is made of three monoclonal antibodies, disease-fighting proteins that target a specific part of an invading pathogen, in this case the Ebola Zaire virus — the specific strain of Ebola responsible for this outbreak.

Two of the monoclonal antibodies are the product of years of research done at the Public Health Agency of Canada's National Microbiology Laboratory in Winnipeg, the agency said.

The third was developed at the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases (USAMRIID).

"Canada is a world leader in research and we are proud of the advances made at the National Microbiology Laboratory (NML) in this area," a spokesperson for the agency said via email Monday night.

The former head of the Winnipeg-based laboratory said he was delighted to hear the Canadian-designed antibodies had been used in this way.

"This is really gratifying to see the work come to fruition," said Dr. Frank Plummer, who stepped down as scientific director in March. "It's a big achievement after years and years of very hard work." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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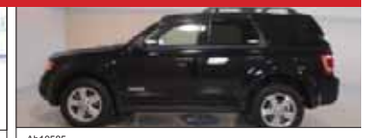

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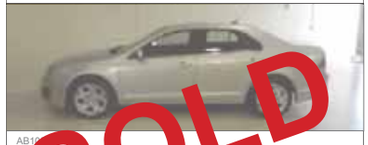

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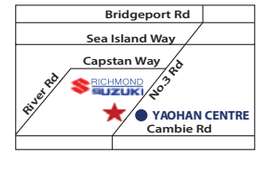

'Morally indefensible'

Muslim resigns from U.K. government over policies on Gaza

The U.K.'s first female Muslim cabinet member resigned Tuesday in protest of the British government's policies on Gaza, describing the approach as "morally indefensible" and detrimental to the national interest.

Sayeeda Warsi, a Foreign Office minister of Pakistani descent, announced her departure on her Twitter feed. The move apparently took Downing Street off-guard, and loaded more pressure on Prime Minister David Cameron, who is under fire by the opposition and members of his own party for his staunch support of Israel.

"My view has been that our policy in relation to the Middle East peace process generally, but more recently our approach and language during the current crisis in Gaza, is morally indefensible, is not in Britain's national interest and will have a long-term detrimental impact on our reputation internationally and domestically," Warsi said.

Britain supports a two-state solution. In his response letter to Warsi, released by Downing Street, Cameron said the country has "consistently made clear our grave concerns about the heavy toll of civilian casualties and have called on Israel to exercise restraint, and to find ways to bring this fighting to an end."

Warsi's departure robs Cameron of one of the most visible Conservative Party women in power. She was often seen at Cameron's side and was a poster girl of sorts — an example of the party's efforts to embrace cultural diversity.

Labour Leader Ed Miliband quickly seized upon the news, describing Warsi as having acted with "principle and integrity." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Israel, Hamas to negotiate new Gaza border deal

Ceasefire. Hamas has signalled flexibility on ceding some authority to Palestinian president in Gaza

The outlines of a solution for battered, blockaded Gaza are emerging after Tuesday's tentative Israel-Hamas ceasefire: Norway is organizing a donor conference and Western-backed Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas aims to oversee rebuilding and reassert his authority in the territory, lost to Hamas in 2007.

Forces loyal to Abbas would be deployed at Gaza's crossings to encourage Israel and Egypt to lift the closure they imposed after the Hamas takeover.

Indirect Israel-Hamas talks in Cairo are to tackle the details. The hope is that promises of a better life for Gazans will coax compromise and avert what had been looking like a fight to the finish.

The gaps remain wide, especially between Israel and Hamas.

Israel says it has inflicted a painful blow to Hamas' military capabilities in the month-long fighting and wants to make sure the group cannot re-arm if border restrictions are eased.

"The extent to which we are going to be ready to co-operate with the efforts to have better access and movement in Gaza will deeply depend on the kind of arrangements that would secure our peace and security," said Yossi Kuperwasser, a senior official in Israel's Strategic Affairs Ministry.

Hamas, in turn, has signalled flexibility on ceding some authority to Abbas in Gaza, but insists on having a say on reconstruction and that it will not disarm.

Izzat Rishq, a senior Hamas official, said disarming isn't up for discussion.

"We'd take the life of anyone who tries to take the weapons of resistance," he told The Associated Press. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Reconstruction plan

The truce is to remain in effect for at least three days, with an expectation that it will be extended to allow Cairo talks on a Gaza solution to proceed. Both the United States and the UN are sending representatives.

- Mohammed Mustafa, a deputy prime minister in the Abbas-led government, said he has already started preparing a Gaza reconstruction plan that would be presented at an international pledging conference in Norway.

Troops, volunteers dig up quake zone

China. Authorities put death toll at 410, with 2,373 injured and 12 people still missing

Earthquake-prone region

In 1970, a magnitude 7.7 earthquake in Yunnan killed at least 15,000 people. In September 2012, a series of quakes killed 81 people. In May 2008, a powerful quake in Sichuan province left 90,000 people dead.

About 10,000 troops used pickaxes and backhoes to clear roads and dig residents from collapsed homes Tuesday after an earthquake in southwest China that killed 410 people. Groups of volunteers used their bare hands to push rocks over a cliff.

Hundreds of volunteers have converged on the nearby city of Zhaotong en route to the quake-hit areas. The quake struck an area of steep hills and narrow roads not suited to all the traffic of the massive relief effort, and heavy rain Tuesday added to the complications. Ambulances, bulldozers and trucks clogged the main road to the hardest-hit town of Longtou.

Further from the worst-hit areas, landslides created barrier lakes where water levels were rising Tuesday to pose a new threat to about 800 residents and seven power stations downstream, where sudden flooding could prompt power outages.

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Rescuers and a villager walk past rubble from houses destroyed in a massive earthquake in the town of Longtoushan in Ludian County in southwest China's Yunnan Province Tuesday. ANDY WONG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Michigan. Boy, 9, dies after repeated stabbing by 12-year-old, police say

A nine-year-old boy died after being repeatedly stabbed by a 12-year-old boy at a playground in western Michigan, police said Tuesday.

Michael Conner Verkerke ran home and collapsed on the porch around 6 p.m. Monday after he was stabbed at a mobile home park in Kentwood, near Grand Rapids, according to police. Investigators said the older boy then left the playground and called police from a nearby home to turn himself in. The nine-year-old died after being rushed to a hospital.

Witnesses told investigators that four children were playing when one of them, for unknown reasons, pulled a knife and stabbed the boy.

Glen Stacy, who lives nearby, said the older boy approached him after the attack and asked to use his phone. He said the boy called police to report the attack and turn himself in. Stacy said he also called police and described the boy as "very calm."

When police arrived at the mobile home park, they first went to aid the stabbing victim, but the older boy wanted the officers to pick him up and yelled, "'Hello, I'm right here. You're going the wrong way,"' Stacy said. The motive in the attack was still being investigated, police said.

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"The only time he raised his voice was when the police came."

Glen Stacy, an area resident, describing the boy as "very calm." The 12-year-old boy used Stacy's phone to call police.

Wyoming

Couple accused of caging child

Authorities in Wyoming are pressing felony charges against a man and a woman alleging they kept a seven-year-old child in an outdoor cage.

The Laramie Boomerang reports that the child's mother and the man face one count each of child abuse and three counts each of felonious restraint.

The pair were arrested July 24 after Albany County deputies responded to a tip.

Deputies said the child reported living in the cage on and off for three weeks, taking meals there and sleeping there overnight even during rainstorms.

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Sudan

Floods kill 17, destroy homes

Heavy rain and flooding has killed 17 people and demolished thousands of houses in central Sudan over the past five days. Many areas in the capital, Khartoum, are inaccessible. Transportation has ground to a halt, stranding families whose houses have been swept away.

Last year, at least 36 people were killed and thousands left homeless because of flooding. Some 5,000 houses — especially mud brick homes — were destroyed, half of them beyond repair. At the time, the opposition and media sharply criticized the government, saying it provided no relief or aid to the displaced.

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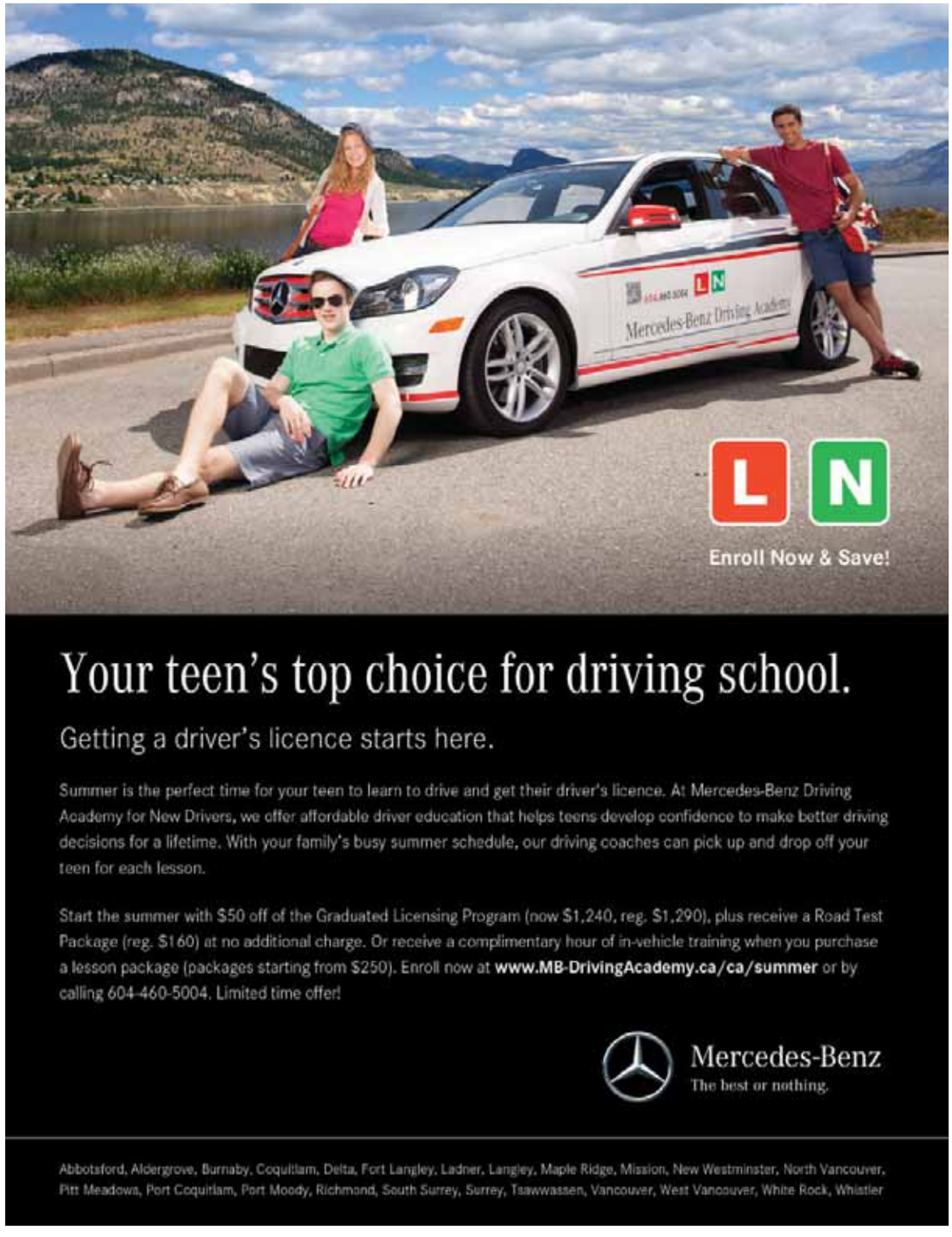
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Summer jobs won't cover tuition: Poll

CIBC report. Students are working right now, but say they won't earn enough to pay for the upcoming academic year

While most Canadian students are working this summer, most of them won't make enough money to cover their college or university costs.

That's according to a new study by CIBC, which estimates that 65 per cent of college or university students currently have a paying summer job, and that most plan to spend their earnings on school.

But among those who responded to a Leger online poll conducted for the bank, 73 per cent said they will need to work during the upcoming year to support their university or college expenses.

Of the 500 people who took part in the poll, a majority of the students who are working this summer expected to earn between $1,001 and $5,000, and about one-quarter expected to earn between $5,001 and $10,000.

The poll found that 45 per cent of the students were making $11 per hour or less, and 60 per cent were working part-time hours.

Another 20 per cent of those surveyed said they had been looking for summer work but were unable to find anything, as well as 10 per cent not working for the summer and five per cent who are working at a volunteer or unpaid position. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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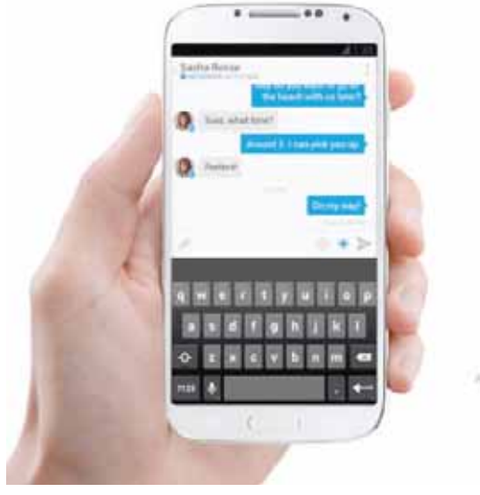

Facebook defends Messenger app

Facebook recently made downloading its Messenger app mandatory in order to send messages on mobile devices as it removes the inbox from the main app. Concerns over privacy began swirling following media reports detailing what the app is capable of doing on Android devices. This includes: calling phone numbers without your intervention and sending text messages; recording audio with the microphone, and taking photos and videos with the camera, without your confirmation; and reading your phone's call log. Facebook has defended its app by saying it's not so different than others, adding companies must ask for various permissions all at once in order for its app to function properly. TEXT: TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE; PHOTO: CONTRIBUTED

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PRIVACY IS WHAT YOU MAKE OF IT

JUST SAYIN'

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I recently read an article in the Washington Post that asked if there was still such a thing as privacy.

A subsequent piece in the Guardian claimed that the slogan for the modern age is: Privacy is dead. Get over it.

Then, I found myself privy to a dispute between a teenage girl who went out partying, when she was supposed to be staying at her friend's house. She pleaded "breach of privacy" after her caper was foiled when her parents checked her Twitter account, which had followers favouriting the Instagram photo that ultimately betrayed her. But the stupidity of that escapade not withstanding, the underlying grievance is one as old as Adam and Eve: Breach of privacy.

Last year, when Edward Snowden revealed that the National Security Agency may have "misused" surveillance technology, everyone was astonished.

There are vulnerabilities that come with relying on technology, not the least of which is that people can enter our home without ever entering our home, but knowing that, perhaps we should maintain a little control over what we can control when we shout from the virtual mountaintops.

What? You mean every time I post personal details about my life on Facebook, like "making out with random stranger at da club," "crossing the border to do some shopping," or "flashing boobs for beads at Mardi Gras" for everyone to see, someone actually sees them?

Here's the thing about privacy: Nobody ever cares about it until it's breached. It's a God-given right that is taken for granted until it's no longer there.

And the more personal information you post online, the more the World Wide Web knows you. If you've ever bought anything or banked online, it knows your credit card, PIN and how many times you've gone into overdraft. It knows your boyfriend's cheating before you ever see the naked double selfie-film posted on Vine. It knows that despite all your vegan moralizations, you succumbed to a cheeseburger while vacationing in Calgary because it was captured by someone filming grandpa's 97th birthday that ended up on YouTube.

The meaning of privacy is going to change, if it hasn't already. It used to mean, "Don't read my diary," or "Stop knocking. I'm in here!", but now it may mean telling pals not to share posts that were designated for friends, unless specified for "friends of friends."

The worst part is, you can't take any of it back.

Anything that's out there is public. The only thing you can do is treat social media like that one mate we all have with the big mouth, and tell that person only what you want everyone to know. Just sayin'.

Ganesh knows how to party

An Indian Muslim man pedals his bicycle past idols of Hindu god Ganesh displayed on a footpath for sale ahead of Ganesh Chaturthi festival in Bangalore, India, Tuesday. While the festival won't begin until Aug. 29 this year, preparations have been going on for months. The festival celebrates the birthday of the elephant-headed deity.
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Hindus prepare for Ganesh Chaturthi festival

Ganesh Chaturthi is celebrated by Hindus around the world as the birthday of Lord Ganesh.

It is observed during the Hindu month of Bhadra (mid-August to mid-September) and the grandest and most elaborate of the celebrations, especially in the western India state of Maharashtra, lasts for 10 days.

Lifelike clay models of Lord Ganesh are made two to three months prior to the festival. The size of the idols may vary from three-quarters of an inch to more than 25 feet.

On the first day, they are placed on raised platforms in homes or in elaborately decorated outdoor tents for people to view and pay their homage. A priest, usually clad in a red silk dhoti and shawl, is then said to invoke life into the idol amidst the chanting of mantras. After this, tributes of coconut, red flowers and other items are offered and the idol is anointed with red paste.

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And on the 11th day ...

For 10 days, Ganesh is worshipped.

- On the 11th day, the image is taken through the streets in a procession accompanied with dancing and singing, to be immersed in a river or the sea symbolizing a ritual sendoff for Ganesh's journey back home while taking with him all the misfortunes of all man.

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Beckon them home with the Trombovine

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Derek Klingenberg is as close to a viral farmer as it gets, which — wait — that doesn't sound right. Take two. Derek Klingenberg scored a viral prize a while back with his farmer's take on the only-need-to-hear-it-once hit What Does The Fox Say. Having caught the YouTube fame bug, he's back again — this time treating his cattle herd to a trombovine serenade of Royals, a song we hope has a little more staying power. The muttered mooing at the end is griping about not hearing Team instead. (Farmer Derek Klingenberg/YouTube)

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Turtles' shell life extended

Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. Coming together to save the world once again

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Metro World News in Hollywood

Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles return to the screen. CONTRIBUTED

South African director Jonathan Liebesman knew that taking on as storied and popular a pop culture franchise as the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles wasn't without its own unique challenges.

Chief among them? Even diehard fans argue about what exactly counts as gospel when it comes to Leonardo, Michelangelo, Donatello and Raphael.

But then again Liebesman likes a challenge.

How do you decide what's canon and what's not for this franchise?
For me, I was a huge fan of the cartoons and the movies. I didn't know a lot about the comic books until I met Kevin Eastman and read the comics. What was important were touchstones such as pizza and cowabunga, but their personalities were what was most important. There are those tropes, for sure. I think it's like a dysfunctional family that has to come together to save the world.

In the age of Man of Steel and The Dark Knight, you have to make sure audiences know this isn't meant to be taken seriously, right?
That's what I love about the Turtles. I feel like the stuff that I became a fan of was actually the parody of superheroes, the fact that they are so absurd — the combination of teenage, mutant, ninja and turtles is so ridiculous that we do want to laugh. And the more I got into the movie the more I wanted it to be funny because the more I wanted to try and point out how ridiculous it is without undermining the world.

You have a battle on top of a skyscraper and actually show debris hitting the ground, which is oddly rare in a film.
Those shots can be expensive and studios often say, "No one gives a s— about those people down there. Stick with your movie up there." But actually that was [producer Michael] Bay. It's very important for him to see the world being affected by the action. If you look at his movies, that's what happens. Action doesn't happen without consequence — like Will Smith and Martin Lawrence trash an entire freeway, and they get reprimanded for it the next day. I think that allowed us to push the studio and say, "We want to be in Times Square," and we were allowed to crash things for your pleasure.

That's got to be a kick.
What's awesome is being there and you can walk through an intersection at your leisure. It's pretty amazing, it's surreal. You think you rule it, and then a cop is like, "Get back behind that barricade." And you're like, "But I'm the director!" And they're like, "Get back or you won't be directing anymore." "OK, OK …"

You've had to deal with online criticism at every turn with this project. How do you stomach that?
At least people care, and that's why they're s—ting on us.

Fearless four

Reboot rights itself after it turns Turtles

IN FOCUS
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There was a time when the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles were everywhere.

Stars of movies, comic books, television and video games, they even had action figures and breakfast cereals as part of their reptilian empire. They were 20th-century pop culture icons, which ain't too bad for four hard-shelled crime fighters named after Renaissance artists.

But, like all pop culture fads, eventually Turtle mania played itself out, and the action figures, the TMNT PJs and colouring books became passé. This weekend, producer Michael Bay is hoping to give Leonardo, Raphael, Michelangelo and Donatello a new lease on life at the movies.

The release of the new Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles is timed to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the first TMNT comic book.

Megan Fox plays April O'Neill, reporter and friend-of-the-turtles, who helps the fearless four protect New York City from its greatest threat, Shredder and his evil Foot Clan.

Turtle groupies have been following the development of the reboot with great interest. They spoke up when it was announced that Bay wanted to streamline the title to Ninja Turtles but an even bigger controversy struck in 2012.

"These turtles are from an alien race," said Bay, "and they are going to be tough, edgy, funny, and completely lovable." Seems benign enough, but fans were incensed the producer would take liberties with the origin story. Tough and lovable are OK, but alien? Not so much. According to the canon, the heroes on the half shell were transformed when they came into contact with toxic ooze.

One internet firestorm later — Robbie Rist, who voiced Michelangelo in the original movies, went so far as to accuse Bay of "sodomizing" the franchise. Bay amended the statement, reassuring fans he would stick to the official origin story. They even poke fun at the controversy in the movie.

"So," says Vernon (Will Arnett), "they're aliens?"

"No," replies reporter O'Neil, "that's stupid."

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Ariana Grande ALL PHOTOS: GETTY IMAGES

Ariana dumps Aussie beau after his sympathy doesn't extend far enough

These names might not mean anything to you just yet, but pay attention. There will be a quiz later. Singer and Nickelodeon star Ariana Grande has apparently broken up with her Australian boyfriend, Jai Brooks, according to E! News. ("Jai" is Australian for "Jay," just so you know.) So what brought an end to this happy union? Brooks, a member of the prank group the Janoskians did not present the appropriate level of sympathy during Grande's recent personal struggles. "When her grandfather was dying, everyone was there for her," a source says. "People flew to Florida to be with her, but Jai didn't. Ariana just felt he wasn't there like he should have been."

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word

Eva gets Sin City poster flap off her chest

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Metro in Hollywood

Eva Green doesn't get why everyone is so hung up about her boobs, and we kind of love her for it. When a poster for Sin City: A Dame to Kill For — which featured the actress in a sheer top with the silhouette of her chest visible beneath — prompted outcry, the studio swapped it out with a toned-down version, much to Green's chagrin.

"I mean, the poster, you don't see anything!" the hardly shy actress says. "Just wait for the movie, then. It's in 3D, as well. Enjoy yourself, you know! It was nothing on the poster, it was lots of noise for nothing."

In fact, if it were up to Green, and we kind of wish it were, any outcry would be over something else in the image.

"I'm holding a gun on the poster," she points out. "No big deal about the gun, it's all about my tits?"

To be fair, Ms. Green: Yes.

Vince Vaughn

A villainous Vince Vaughn touted for True Detective's second season

The Internet has had a field day with joke predictions about who will be in Season 2 of HBO's True Detective, but eventually someone has to actually sign on. And it looks like one of those people will be Vince Vaughn, returning to his dramatic roots after a long, long run in the comedy world. Vaughn is said to be in talks to play one of four lead roles in the hit series, which won't see the Season 1 characters played by Matthew McConaughey and Woody Harrelson return. But don't expect Vaughn to be on the right side of the law, as he's said to be considering a villainous role written by series creator Nic Pizzolatto specifically for him.

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Caribbean Food & Wine Festival

Providenciales, Turks and Caicos, is gearing up for this fourth annual festival held at Grace Bay Resorts Nov. 6 to 8. International and local chefs collide with results that make this a sold-out event each year. Special guests include former Top Chef contestant Chef Leah Cohen of New York's Pig & Khao, Chef David Lefevre of Manhattan Beach Post in California and Hans Peter Haider of Hotel12 in Austria, along with vintners from Benziger Family Winery and Cuvaison Estates Wines. Visit caribbeanfoodandwinefestivaltci.com. DOUG WALLACE/METRO

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Boutique hotels and art galleries — the sophisticated side of Vegas

So much more than sinning. Nevada's gambling mecca has grown up and is starting to feel more like a city than a tourist trap

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The High Roller in the LINQ is a 550-foot observation wheel offering epic Vegas views. DAVID BECKER

Online

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Contrary to that old saying about what happens in Vegas stays in Vegas, it's time the word gets out that Sin City isn't all that sinful anymore. With a downtown revitalization — including plans for a world-class art gallery — and changes along the strip, this desert city is no longer all about gambling, thousand-room hotels and sexy shows.

The strip

While stretch SUVs still motor up and down S. Las Vegas Boulevard, around 20 million visitors a year are taking their pedals off the metal and instead hitting the pavement. Recently opened between the historic Flamingo Casino and The Quad, The LINQ is an outdoor shopping, dining and entertainment area featuring the High Roller, a 550-foot observation wheel offering epic views of the city and surrounding mountains.

A draw for visitors, the LINQ is also attracting Vegas residents thanks to popular L.A.-based boutique Kitson (want to dress like your favourite star? Photos hang from the ceiling showing paparazzi shots of young stars wearing their products); Brooklyn Bowl, a combination 32-lane alley and music venue hosting acts like Chvrches and The Avett Brothers; and Polaroid Fotobar, where you download your Twitter, Facebook or Instagram images to print them as Polaroid pictures. The LINQ is just one of the areas being carved out to make the walk between casinos more enjoyable. The Monte Carlo has also pedestrianized its boulevard frontage to include restaurants and specialty stores like BLVD Creamery, with a rotating selection of ice cream flavours — including alcohol-flavoured — made on site.

The hotels

A boutique hotel in Vegas? While other resorts count their rooms in the thousands, The Cromwell features only 188 rooms. It opened this spring at the corner of Las Vegas Boulevard and Flamingo Road. Dark hardwood floors, leather details and patterned pink and burgundy wall coverings create a Paris-meets-Vegas feel to the rooms.

The hotel has already become a must-visit fixture on the strip thanks to celebrity chef Giada De Laurentiis' first restaurant, which bears her name, Giada. Mixing Italian fare with Californian flair, the lemon spaghetti, bacon-wrapped dates and lemon ricotta cookies have already gained a reputation in the city. Cocktails are named after films made by her grandfather, Dino De Laurentiis. You can sip on a Flash (after Flash Gordon), Blue Velvet or Barbarella.

Whether you visit on a sunny afternoon or after dark, you'll find Drai's Beach Club, located on the roof of The Cromwell, a staple of Vegas day- and night-life. The 65,000-square-foot indoor and outdoor club, complete with pool, has the best views of the Bellagio fountains and is a frenetic mix of sun-drenched skin and sweat during the day and DJ-fuelled dancing at night. Other hotels are also betting on the boutique experience. This September, MGM Resorts will open The Delano — a Vegas offshoot of the popular Miami luxury hotel — in a section of its Mandalay Bay property.

The arts district

The point at which the north-south grid system of new Vegas meets the tilted grid of old Vegas will soon be home to The Modern, a 60,000-square-foot contemporary art museum.

The $29-million US project is currently set to open in three years in 18b, an 18-block area that has become known as The Las Vegas Arts District. It is home to Art Square and The Arts Factory — two contemporary art centres featuring a range of artists — and Antiques Alley.

If you find yourself in Vegas at the start of the month, check out First Fridays, a street festival drawing more than 20,000 visitors for a night of food, music and art.

Be sure to also check out Container Park, a new development built out of 43 repurposed shipping containers and featuring a collection of small niche businesses and a treehouse for both parents and children to play in.

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Open air stays for the starry-eyed

Astronomer's delight. Sleeping in the open air has never been more luxe; check out these options around the world

Get the full star treatment at this penthouse suite at Las Ventanas al Paraiso in Mexico / AFP

There's no time like a vacation for taking the time to contemplate the night sky, especially with a supermoon and Perseid meteors set to be visible in some places this month.

If the idea of observing the celestial bodies as you drift off to sleep sounds appealing, this selection of hotels is for you.

Tswalu Kalahari
South Africa

This private game reserve, located in the South African desert, allows nature lovers to sleep while surrounded by the sounds of the bush, all while contemplating the night sky. Guests can sleep on a luxurious terrace built high above the ground to ensure protection from the occasional wild animal. Prices start at around $500 per night. For more information: tswalu.com

Albereta, Italy

The Cabriolet suite in this hotel, a member of the prestigious Relais & Châteaux network, allows guests to sleep under the stars thanks to its retractable roof. At the push of a button by the bed, the roof can be opened and closed as desired. Prices start at around $615. For more information: albereta.it

Amangiri, USA

Located in the desert of southern Utah, this resort boasts no less than six open-roof suites. Each is shielded from the wind by three walls and provides an unmatched view on the vast desert sky. These suites also have a pool, for those who enjoy midnight swims. Prices start at around $1,500. For more information: amanresorts.com/amangiri/home.aspx

Las Ventanas al Paraíso, Mexico

Each of the penthouse suites at this luxury hotel has a wide terrace where a king-size bed has been set up. Guests can begin their evening admiring the night sky from their outdoor bed and end it in the other bed inside, or just stay on the terrace to watch the sunrise. Prices start at around $1,600. For more information: rosewoodhotels.com

Elqui Domos, Chile

A reference among astronomy enthusiasts, this small hotel park invites travellers to stay inside one of several canvas domes. Each of these unusual dwellings contains a bed under a roof that opens partially to offer a view onto the heavens.

Far from the luxury of the above destinations, the domes are simple and sparsely furnished but provide all the basics. Stargazers will also appreciate the dedicated astronomy observatories located on site. Prices start at around $150. For more information: elquidomos.cl AFP

Bucket list

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White water rafting

You have to do this at least once in your life. And the nice thing is, you don't have to leave the country for a full-on multi-sport white water rafting adventure. Most Canadian rafting companies are family-oriented, with one- to seven-day outings in a variety of vessels, with the difficulty ranging from easy to expert. If you're heading west, Kootenay River Runners (raftingtherockies.com) in Radium, B.C. has been taking people down the Kicking Horse and the Kootenay Rivers since 1976. On the other side of the country at Foresters Falls, Ont., the Ottawa River is no slouch for thrills and chills. Two outfits of note there: Wilderness Tours (wildernesstours.com) and Owl Rafting (owl-mkc.ca). DOUG WALLACE/METRO

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De-cluttering your work zone can re-energize your work zeal

A life less messy.
Is your productivity being compromised by chaotic surroundings?

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When Tracey Thomson speaks about how her home office used to make her feel, she uses words like "pressured" and "worry." A filing system that just wasn't working made for a cluttered workspace that was "bulging with stuff," she says.

"I needed an organization renovation," says Thomson, co-founder of TRUTHPLANE, a communication skills training company she runs out of her home.

And Thomson is not alone.

A 2010 survey conducted by Brother International Corporation looked at the cost of workplace disorganization.

The study found that American employees lost about 38 hours a year, per employee looking for misplaced items. The price tag? Over $89 billion US lost a year.

Catherine Desjeunes, owner of the Witty Office, likens working in a chaotic space to trying to get things done on a computer that crashes every five minutes.

"After a while you're not concentrating," said Desjeunes. "You can't even be relaxed when you're working."

Does this scene look familiar? If so, it may be time to settle on a filing system. ISTOCK

Thomson found that the solution to her cluttered office and increased stress was to call in the troops.

She brought in professional organizer Peg Bradshaw, founder of The Organized Office and director of finance of the Professional Organizers in Canada Board, to help her get things on track.

"Since she's been in, our business has, in fact, increased," said Thomson. "She's enabled me to be more efficient with the way that I run the business, the way that I deal with my clients, the way that I instantly get to my accounts with the latest information."

"I was a residential organizer and became more and more interested in office organizing because I could see that there was a distinct energy to an organized office," said Bradshaw.

"It was about people being free to focus on their revenue-producing tasks rather than fooling around with files and being distracted by things that weren't making any money but were taking up too much time."

This need for order includes what is on our computers, too.

"We fool ourselves into thinking that we don't really have to be organized electronically because you can search everything," said Bradshaw.

"But the reality is that it takes a long time to do that search. Every time you spend 30 or 60 seconds searching for a document, that's time out of your life."

An organized office is a space in which workers can be both happy and productive.

"It's about time management, it's about your physical space, it's about your emotional attitudes towards things," said Bradshaw.

Dealing with a desk disaster in three steps

- **Edit.** It is time to purge. "You're going to get rid of anything that you don't need anymore," says Peg Bradshaw, professional organizer and owner of The Organized Office.
- **Classify.** Sort the remaining things by kind. Receipts in one file, contracts in another. "It's like sorting buttons, but of course at a more advanced level," says Bradshaw.
- **Workflow.** Think of your desk as the command centre of your office. Make sure you have the 20 things you touch the most within arm's reach. "You want to assess the furniture, the lighting, the equipment, where the electrical outlets are to make the workplace as ergonomically comfortable as possible," says Bradshaw.

Compu-clean

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Rejuvenate your resumé before the warm weather runs out

Seeking for September. With employers on the search for top candidates this fall, it may be time to sweep the cobwebs from your CV

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There are many things to think about when heading into a high-volume hiring period, such as what you're going to wear to your next networking event. Though your outfit might be your top priority, there is one other thing you need to ensure is perfect: your resumé.

Do some research
Figure out which employers are hiring, what jobs interest you, what skills you need to focus on, and get an overview of the company culture.

If you can get a sense of how many major jobs you'll be applying for, you can plan your time for writing resumés more strategically, and recognize periods where you'll be applying to similar roles, helping you maintain focus.

Tailor, tailor, and tailor
Every employer offers a number of different roles in their organization. It may be tempting to use a generic resumé, but you won't make the cut.

Every job comes with a unique work environment and culture, and you'll need to do all you can to show that your skills, experience and personal disposition equip you for success in that particular setting.

If you don't write a resumé and cover letter (especially the cover letter) from scratch, an employer will be able to tell.

Perfect your content
Be sure to include all the necessary contact information (i.e., full name, permanent address, school address, professional email, two phone numbers). Increasing text size or bolding your name always helps to make your info pop for a reader. Depending on the position, including your professional online profile URL could be a good idea too.

Prep hard and soft copies
Each employer has a different way they'd like you to apply to their opportunities.

Some will take hard copy resumés and some may give you their contact info and have you send your resumé via email. Be on the ball by having copies of your tailored resumé printed and ready to send to them on the spot.

It's also smart to have generic resumés ready to give out and send on the chance that an opportunity becomes available.

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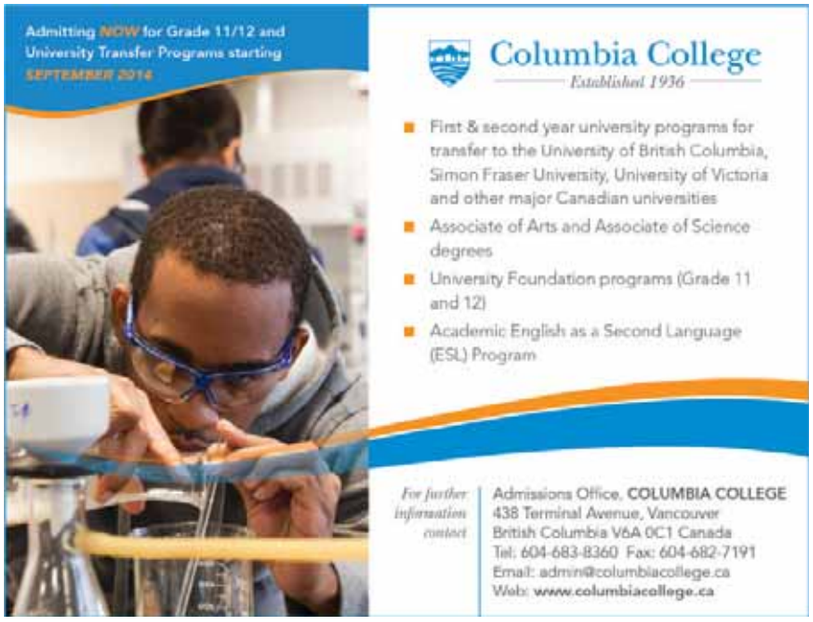
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A summary that sticks

Brighten up your bio.
The summary section of your LinkedIn profile is your place to shine

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Take a minute and look over job applications you've sent out in the past. What do you wish you could add to your resumé or cover letter? Your summary can be a platform for that info. ISTOCK

LinkedIn is an incredibly valuable resource, not just for job-hunting and networking, but also as a platform to develop your professional profile and image. One of the biggest challenges you'll face when you create your LinkedIn profile is deciding what to include in that dreaded "summary" section, which has a limit of 2,000 characters. Your summary is usually the first thing a profile viewer sees, which makes it one of the most important parts of your LinkedIn profile — a good summary encourages readers to scroll down and learn more about you. Here are some tips to help you create a great LinkedIn summary:

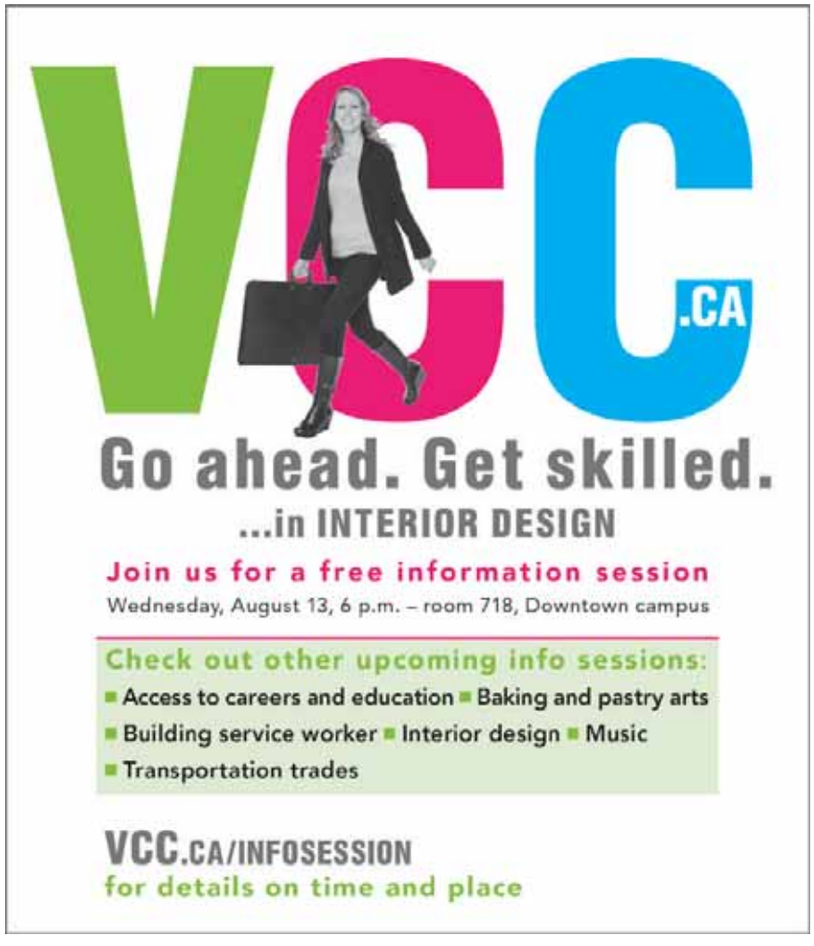
Blank is not an option
If you have limited experience, you may feel inclined to neglect writing a summary, convinced that you don't have anything to share. However, a summary is a great place for you to talk about your future goals and aspirations, which can help you when you're trying to network or land your first job.

Even if you aren't actively using LinkedIn or looking for work, having a complete profile shows that you appreciate the importance of online presence and self-representation.

It's important to remember that your LinkedIn profile is always visible, and that leaving your summary blank sends a strong message to a prospective employer.

Use up that character limit
You have about 2,000 characters to share with the LinkedIn world. Put them to good use.

Share things with your network that don't fit in other sections of your profile. For example, you may possess unique skills or experience that you haven't used in a workplace context — talk about them here. Your summary is also a great place to show some personal character. While LinkedIn is an online representation of your professional self, your summary can show off some of the traits and attitude that make you unique (and a promising hire).



Everything is just peachy keen when you have a grill

Grilled Peach and Greens with Yogurt Dressing. This refreshingly sweet salad also works with nectarines or apricots

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Summer is about relaxing and having easy dinners that don't take much time.

Perhaps that means putting your favourite protein on the grill or warming up leftovers from the night before.

Looking for pre-marinated meats and fish in your favourite grocery store helps to take the thinking out of the main dish, but it's just as easy to put something together at home.

A quick combination of oil, wine or vinegar, garlic, mustard and your favourite spice or herb will enhance any beef, chicken or fish dish and add some juiciness with flavour.

Once you have that under way, you can put together a flavourful side dish or salad that will stand alongside it.

It doesn't need to take long, but taking advantage of what the summer has to offer is always a great idea.

So change it up and combine some summer sweet fruit with your salad and serve it up alongside that favourite grilled meat or fish.

This is a refreshingly sweet salad that is sure to please. Peaches, once grilled, become sweeter and juicy and match up beautifully with this yogurt dressing.

This recipe serves four. EMILY RICHARDS

Ingredients

- 2 ripe peaches
- 1/2 tsp (2 ml) canola oil
- 4 cups (1 l) lightly packed baby spinach or mixed greens
- 2 tbsp (25 ml) sliced almonds, toasted
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) chopped fresh mint

Honey Yogurt Dressing

- 2 tbsp (30 ml) vanilla or plain non-fat yogurt
- 2 tsp (10 ml) liquid honey
- 2 tsp (10 ml) canola oil
- Pinch freshly ground black pepper

FLASH FOOD

From your fridge to your table in 30 minutes or less

1. Cut each peach in half and remove pit. Brush peach halves with oil and place on greased grill over medium high heat cut side down first. Close lid and grill, turning once for about 5 minutes or until golden and tender. Remove to plate.

2. Honey Yogurt Dressing: In a small bowl, whisk together yogurt, honey and oil.

3. Add spinach, almonds and mint and toss to coat evenly. Divide among 4 plates and top with peach halves to serve.

Dinner. Grilled Rosemary and Garlic Chicken Thighs

Chicken thighs are a cheaper cut of chicken but rich in flavour.

They are very tender and easy to use for any quick weeknight meal.

This recipe is easy to grill and perfect served up along side the salad.

1. In large bowl, stir together the extra-virgin oil, minced garlic, grated lemon rind and juice, dry white wine (or chicken broth) and rosemary. Add chicken thighs and toss to coat. Cover and refrigerate for at least 30 minutes.

2. Place the marinated thighs on greased grill over medium-high heat. Close lid and grill for about 12 minutes, turning once or until juices run clear when pierced with knife.

EMILY RICHARDS

Ingredients

- 1 tbsp (15 ml) extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 tsp (10 ml) grated lemon rind
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) lemon juice
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) dry white wine or chicken broth
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) chopped fresh rosemary or 2 tsp (10 ml) dried rosemary, crushed
- 8 boneless skinless chicken thighs (about 1 lb/500 g)

Fennel and fat go together

This recipe serves five. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Fennel loves fat. That's why fennel seeds are such a common seasoning in sausages. They contribute a mildly peppery, fresh flavour that cuts through the delicious heaviness of the rich meat.

Play up that balance with a grilled sausage sandwich that has a triple dose of fennel — fennel seeds in the sausage, fresh fennel bulb shaved and piled on top, and more fennel seeds in the dressing.

Want to dress up the rolls more? Slice sweet onions into thick slabs, coat them with oil and slap them on the grill, too.

Ingredients

- 5 fennel sausage links
- 1 bulb fennel, trimmed
- 1 red bell pepper, cored
- 2 tsp fennel seeds, crushed
- 2 tbsp white balsamic vinegar
- 2 tbsp mayonnaise
- 2 tbsp whole-grain Dijon mustard
- Kosher salt and ground black pepper
- 5 crusty grinder rolls, to serve

1. Heat grill to medium. Oil grill grates with an oil-soaked paper towel held with tongs.

2. Grill sausages for 20 minutes, turning regularly.

3. While sausages grill, make fennel slaw. Use a mandoline or food processor to shave the fennel and red pepper very thinly. Alternatively, use a knife to slice the fennel and pepper as thinly as possible.

4. In bowl, whisk crushed fennel seed, vinegar, mayonnaise and mustard. Add fennel and red pepper, tossing to coat with the dressing. Season with salt and pepper.

5. To serve, place each sausage in a roll and top with the slaw.

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Pospisil's bubble popped

Tennis. Canadian upstarts fall on hard times in opening matches of Rogers Cup

Left image: Vasek Pospisil returns a shot during his loss to Richard Gasquet on Tuesday at York University in Toronto. Right image: Roger Federer acknowledges the crowd after his 6-2, 6-0 win over Peter Polansky on Tuesday night. Go to metronews.ca for more Rogers Cup coverage. RONALD MARTINEZ/GETTY IMAGES

Good times in Canadian tennis were rolling, right up until play started at the Rogers Cup on Tuesday.

One by one, three of the five Canadian men in the field bowed out of the Toronto tournament, as Vasek Pospisil lost to Richard Gasquet, Frank Dancevic fell to Donald Young and Brayden Schnur was defeated by Andreas Seppi.

Pospisil, who reached the final of the Citi Open on Sunday before losing to fellow Canadian Milos Raonic, was hampered by a right leg injury and fell 7-5, 7-5 to Gasquet in a rematch from last week.

"I think I'm just a little bit tired mentally, maybe," Pospisil said. "Just been on the road a lot of weeks. You need to be 100 per cent at this level if you're playing against Richard. I wasn't feeling a hundred per cent today."

Adding injury to insult on a rough day for Canadian tennis, Pospisil was set to have an MRI on the adductor injury, which also forced him to withdraw from doubles play. The Vancouver native was set to team up with American Jack Sock to face Gasquet and Jo-Wilfried Tsonga, who advanced on a walkover.

Pospisil said he had been bothered by the "strange feeling" in his leg off and on for a few weeks but didn't think it would be a long-term problem that would keep him out of next week's event in Cincinnati or the U.S. Open.

The crowd was understandably behind Pospisil as he gutted through the injury.

"He has an extra motivation because it's being home," Gasquet said. "It's the same when I'm playing in France. But yeah, he had big expectations on him, especially here in Toronto."

The loss drops Pospisil from 27th to out of the top 40 in the ATP rankings. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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In Montreal

Power outage for Eugenie

Shelby Rogers scored a shocking 6-0, 2-6, 6-0 victory over the listless crowd favourite Eugenie Bouchard at the women's Rogers Cup on a Tuesday thrown into confusion by a more than seven-hour power outage.

Play went on despite the lack of electricity, which shut down scoreboards and umpires' microphones.

Bouchard, from Westmount, Que., suffered her own power shortage after walking to centre court to a standing ovation.

The 20-year-old, perhaps rusty from not having played since reaching the Wimbledon final last month, couldn't make a shot in the first set, hitting normally routine shots long or wide. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Eugenie Bouchard can only scratch her head during her shocking loss to Shelby Rogers on Tuesday in Montreal. PAUL CHIASSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

MLS. Abbott dedicated to giving Canadians fair shake

MLS deputy commissioner Mark Abbott says the league is committed to finding a solution to the treatment of Canadian players on different sides of the border.

Under current league rules, so-called domestic slots on Canadian teams can be filled by Canadians or Americans.

But for U.S. teams, domestic players must be a U.S. citizen, permanent resident (green card holder) or have some other special status (such as refugee or asylum). Canadians don't qualify as domestics in the U.S.

In essence, it means Canadians have to compete with Americans north of the border and the whole world south of it.

MLS clubs based in Canada are required to have a minimum of three Canadian domestic players on their rosters.

Abbott referred to a U.S. law that governs disparate treatment of non-U.S. nationals.

"Basically anybody who's not a U.S. citizen has to be treated the same," he said. "That being said, we've committed to the CSA (Canadian Soccer Association) — because we want Canadian soccer to be successful." THE CANADIAN PRESS

MLS

"It's going to be a hell of a challenge for us to contain that team and try to win the game."

New York Redbulls forward Thierry Henry on Major League Soccer's all-stars playing German powerhouse Bayern Munich Wednesday in Portland

NBA. Spurs make history with hiring of Hammon

The San Antonio Spurs hired WNBA star Becky Hammon on Tuesday, making her the first full-time, paid female assistant on an NBA coaching staff.

Hammon, who now plans to retire from the San Antonio Stars, worked with coach Gregg Popovich and the Spurs last season and made a strong impression on the organization known for its forward thinking.

Last season, Hammon attended Spurs practices, film sessions and sat behind the bench for the NBA champions at home game this season.

"Having observed her working with our team this past season, I'm confident her basketball IQ, work ethic and interpersonal skills will be a great benefit to the Spurs," Popovich said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Canada World Cup bid suggested by FIFA prez

CSA. Hosting the Under-20 Women's World Cup a necessary step to a successful bid for the men's tourney, says Sepp Blatter

FIFA president Sepp Blatter speaks during the opening press conference for the FIFA Women's Under-20 World Cup in Toronto on Monday. PETER POWER/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sepp Blatter appeared at peace.

Perhaps it was lingering memories of a chaotic Brazilian World Cup that have FIFA's president so happy to be in Canada. Maybe it was a modestly attended news conference where he faced no questions about bidding corruption, 2018 World Cup host Russia's alleged military involvement in Ukraine or labour rights in 2022 host Qatar.

Whatever the reason, Canada suits Blatter just fine. So fine in fact that Blatter didn't have to be asked about a possible World Cup in Canada — he brought it up on his own.

"Let's go to see if you can bring the famous FIFA's World Cup we just played in Brazil to your country," he said Monday.

That's good news for Canadian soccer ahead of the Under-20 Women's World Cup, which begins Tuesday and runs through Aug. 24 in Toronto, Montreal, Edmonton and Moncton, N.B.

The 16-team event is a precursor to next year's Women's World Cup, which will move from 16 teams to 24.

Blatter called the tournaments a necessary step to a successful bid by the Canadian Soccer Association for the men's tournament.

"It's time. It's a project and if you're going to have a project like the FIFA World Cup, it takes some time," he said. "You have had the courage and it was necessary to (CSA president Victor Montagliani) to have the courage to ask, to organize FIFA's Women's World Cup with 24 teams. It will be the first time."

The CSA has said it plans to enter a formal bid for the 2026 World Cup.

Canada won the bidding to both women's tournaments in 2011 after its lone opposition, Zimbabwe, pulled out of consideration. Canada previously hosted the men's Under-17 World Cup in 1987 and the men's Under-20 World Cup in 2007, as well as the first women's under-20 tournament in 2002. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada stonewalled

Canada's Nichelle Prince, foreground, tries to find a way past Ghana's Grace Adams during second-half action of the Under-20 World Cup opener on Tuesday night in Toronto. Sherifatu Sumaila scored the game's lone goal in Ghana's 1-0 victory. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Baseball steroid case

Former Biogenesis clinic owner, A-Rod cousin arrested

A one-time clinic owner accused of providing performance-enhancing drugs to several Major League Baseball players and a cousin of Alex Rodriguez who injected the star with steroids have been charged in what prosecutors called a drug conspiracy, authorities said Tuesday.

Drug Enforcement Administration spokeswoman Mia Ro said Yuri Sucart was among nine people arrested. Also arrested was former Biogenesis of America clinic owner Anthony Bosch, who was charged Tuesday with conspiracy to distribute steroids, according to court records. The documents do not specify whether the charges are directly related to the Major League Baseball scandal.

Sucart, 52, was banned from the Yankees clubhouse, charter flights, bus and other team-related activities by MLB in 2009 after Rodriguez admitted he used steroids while with Texas from 2000 to 2003, saying Sucart obtained and injected the drugs for him.

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MLB. Orioles zip past Jays in Brett Lawrie's return ... to the dugout

Mark Buehrle gave up four earned runs in four innings on Tuesday night. GETTY IMAGES

Caleb Joseph, Jonathan Schoop and Chris Davis hit solo home runs as the Baltimore Orioles sent the Toronto Blue Jays to their fourth loss in a row on Tuesday with a 9-3 victory.

The Blue Jays, who returned from a 6-4 road trip, dropped to five games off the pace in the American League East behind the first-place Orioles, who won their third game in a row.

Third baseman Brett Lawrie, who suffered a broken finger in June, returned to the Blue Jays' lineup from the disabled list for the game.

Lawrie had a single in his only at-bat and left after three innings with a tight back. Danny Valencia took his place at third base.

Orioles right-hander Bud Norris (9-7) held the Blue Jays to seven hits and two runs on a homer by Colby Rasmus in 5-1/3 innings. Norris is 3-0 in five career starts against Toronto.

Blue Jays left-hander Mark Buehrle (11-8) allowed 10 hits, including two home runs, three walks and four runs in four innings. He is 1-7 in his past 11 starts.

The Blue Jays (60-54) cut the lead in half in the fourth inning on a leadoff single by Dioner Navarro and, with two out, the 15th homer of the season by Rasmus.

The Orioles increased their lead to 9-3 in the eighth after Dustin McGowan allowed walks to Manny Machado and Delmon Young and a single to Adam Jones to load the bases. Nelson Cruz hit a sacrifice fly and J.J. Hardy singled in a run.

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2014 Toyota RAV4

- **Type:** Four-door, front-wheel or all-wheel-drive compact SUV
- **Engine:** 2.5-litre four-cylinder (176 hp)
- **Transmission:** Six-speed automatic
- **Base price:** $23,870

Market position

Almost everyone has a vehicle in the compact SUV market, and fierce competition means most are top-notch. The RAV4 scores with a lower starting price than most, while still offering numerous features and creature comforts.

Points

- The RAV4 offers considerable storage space, including hidden cubbies under the cargo floor, fold-flat seats, and a large tray in the dash.
- The seats are comfortable for short commutes, but can get hard on longer drives.
- Eco or Sport modes let you adjust for efficiency or performance.

With the spare tire moved inside, RAV4 gets a top-hinged liftgate.

Safety features

Eight airbags, including driver's knee; wiper de-icer; available lane-departure warning; available blind-spot monitor with cross-traffic alert.

Redesigned RAV4 revs it up

Review. Toyota's new compact SUV is a big improvement over the previous model

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Canadians love compact SUVs, so automakers are continually improving their entries in this highly competitive segment.

Toyota completely redesigned its RAV4 for 2013. The 2014 version undergoes minor trim changes, including a standard navigation system on the top-line Limited.

My tester was the base LE with front-wheel drive, which starts at $23,870, along with a $1,500 Upgrade Package that added such features as heated seats, backup camera, cargo cover, silver roof rails, and audio display screen.

An all-wheel-drive system is optional on the LE and mid-range XLE trim line, and is the only choice on the top-line Limited. The AWD primarily runs the front wheels in normal driving, but will send power to the rear wheels when needed in slippery conditions.

Although the previous-generation RAV4 could be ordered with a V6, all models now use a 2.5-litre four-cylinder that makes 176 horsepower, and is mated to a six-speed automatic transmission.

You won't miss the V6; the four-cylinder does an excellent job, even when I had the vehicle fully loaded with passengers and luggage en route to the airport.

The steering is a little too light for my liking, but that also translates into an easy trip around tight spots and into parking spaces. The ride is firm without being harsh but, overall, the RAV4 is very noisy, both from the tires and the engine, which can drone at certain speeds.

The spare tire used to be stored outside on the swing-out rear gate, but now that it's been moved inside under the cargo floor, the RAV4 gets a top-hinged liftgate, which I find more convenient.

The interior looks fabulous, including a stitched dash and steering wheel, easy-to-use controls, and considerable small-item storage for driver and passenger.

The rear seats can be a little tight for tall passengers — this is a compact, after all — but those back chairs easily fold flat for extra cargo space.

All in all, this latest-generation RAV4 is a considerable improvement over the old one, and a worthy contender in the small-utility segment.

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We must plan for the demise of driving

Autopilot. Automotive researchers predict we will have self-driving cars on our roads by 2020, so why aren't we preparing for that?

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Google's autonomous car is just the beginning, as mainstream automakers are close to developing their own versions for general use. CONTRIBUTED

Regrets, I've had a few. By a few, I mean a few hundred.

The ones I'm prepared to speak about publicly mostly revolve around sports cars I should have bought, when they were just "used cars" and 25 years away from becoming the $1-million-plus classics they are today.

I guess we're always not doing things today that would make our futures better. Sometimes it comes down to the future being so cloudy, or taking such crazy turns, that you really have no chance of making the right decisions.

Other times, we can see the future clearly enough, but don't act accordingly. This latter type of misfire is what Paul Godsmark figures is happening right now in our society, as we head into a future where vehicles are self-driven and are able talk to each other and stay out of each other's way.

Godsmark trained in England as a civil engineer; he currently lives in Edmonton, and works as a transportation specialist. He is a member of the Autonomous Vehicle Task Force at ITS Canada, and co-founded the Canadian Automated Vehicles Centre of Excellence (CAVCOE), a non-profit organization devoted to researching and advocating for automated vehicles. If there are others in Canada with more insight into the economic and social implications of a driverless future than Godsmark, we're not aware of them. He believes that future is coming faster than people think.

"The technology is not just accelerating, the acceleration is accelerating," he says. He predicts there will be some driverless transportation in Canada by 2020, or sooner.

That's only six years away, so any decisions governments and businesses are making today about long-term projects had better be based on this new self-driving paradigm. Of course, they're not. That's why Godsmark is frustrated.

"This will be a huge disruption. There are so many things we could be doing."

He says one of the main things we should be doing is due diligence on all transit plans, especially super-expensive ones, like LRTs and subways. We may not need them.

Godsmark also wonders about businesses that continue to invest long-term in the current paradigm, where large numbers of people need to buy and maintain their own vehicles. If cars can be programmed to show up when you need them, and drive off to someone else when you don't, we won't need nearly as many vehicles.

CAVCOE is proposing some kind of new federal group to lead regulatory matters for driverless vehicles, because such a future will impact all levels of Canadian society — not just the transportation space. Godsmark notes that health costs, tax revenues, jobs, municipal land, and natural resources are just a few of the areas that will drastically change under the driverless paradigm.

"We want to get the message out that we're all stakeholders, every single one of us," he says. "We all need to be aware of the potential changes."

Shift: From hybrids, technology, new vehicles and the environment, to saving money at the pumps

EcoBoost engine standard in a Ford line for the first time

Ford will make the 2015 Edge car-based tall wagon the first model to come with a turbocharged EcoBoost engine as standard equipment. EcoBoost is Ford's rendering of the modern cleaner-burning, lower-emitting, higher-performing gasoline engine, using precisely metered, electronically controlled direct fuel injection, as well as turbochargers, which are small exhaust-driven turbines that push more air into the engine. More air equals more combustion power, but only when demanded by the driver. The re-engineered Edge will have three engine options, two of which are new: a standard 2.0-litre four-cylinder EcoBoost and a 2.7-litre EcoBoost V6. A non-turbo 3.5-litre V6 completes the engine options. **ALL STORIES AND PHOTOS FROM WHEELBASEMEDIA.COM**

The new 2015 Ford Edge will provide two Ecoboost engine choices.

China pushes electric cars to cut smog

Choking on its own airborne pollution, China has waived a 10-per-cent purchase tax on electric cars as part of expanded measures to combat emissions and cut energy dependence. New-energy autos, which is China's term for battery-electric vehicles, plug-in hybrids and hydrogen fuel-cell vehicles, will be excluded from the levy beginning Sept. 1 to the end of 2017, according to a statement posted to the central government's website. EV sales have lagged behind government-set targets, reports Bloomberg news service, "as state subsidies failed to overcome consumer concerns about price, convenience and reliability." The tax break applies to both domestic electric cars and qualified imports, paving the way for foreign carmakers to benefit.

China has introduced tax exemptions for electric vehicles in an effort to promote sales and battle air pollution. REUTERS

Shift points

- Nikkei Asian Review says the government will put its full weight behind promoting hydrogen fuel cells, using such measures as deregulation policies to allow high-pressure hydrogen refuelling.
- Hertz says adding hybrid and electric vehicles helped its fleet achieve an average of 25.4 miles per U.S. gallon (9.3 L/100 km) in March. That's not bad, considering many people drive rental cars like they stole them.
- Ford has developed an aluminum-intensive Lightweight Concept Car, based on its mid-size Fusion sedan, that is 25-per-cent lighter than the production car, or about the same weight as its subcompact Fiesta.

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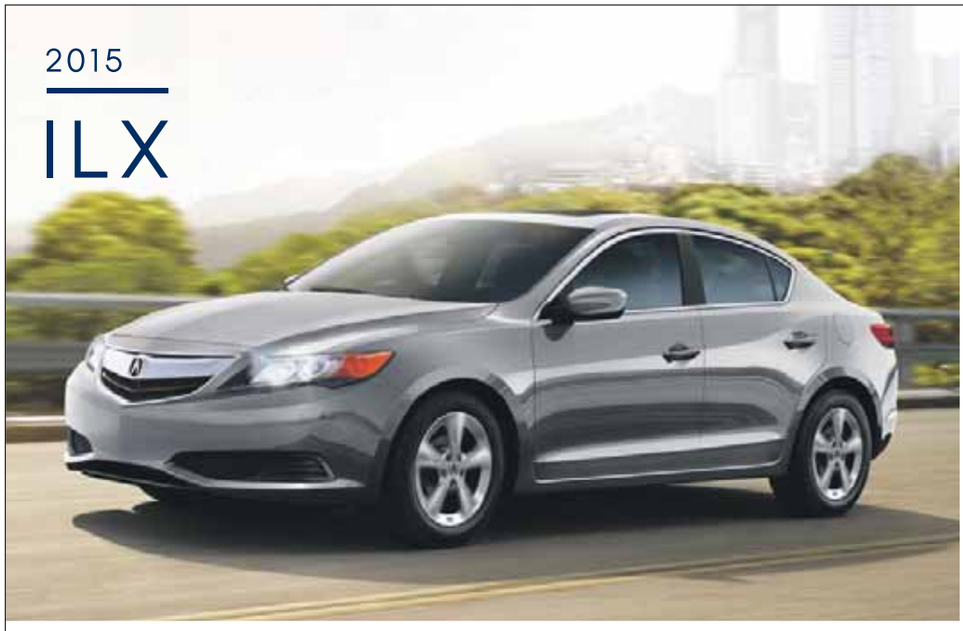

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Recording the ongoing Volvolution

Screen time. The Swedish auto maker has been quietly promoting its vehicles on TV and movie screens for decades

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Swedish auto darling Volvo, now owned by China's Geely Holding Group, is beginning to flex its eco-muscles. The upcoming T8 model of the XC90 SUV reportedly emits less carbon than a Prius.

The venerable brand with a reputation for boxy designs and a fixation on safety is attempting to broaden its appeal beyond the baby-on-board crowd.

No doubt, Volvo is already seeking a plum film or TV role for its new green-sensitive seven-seater — in keeping with the company's long tradition of using screen time to build brand recognition.

James Bond may have preferred marques steeped in Queen and Country, such as Aston Martin and Lotus, but 007 actor Roger Moore honed his suave devil-may-care moves and spycraft on the 1960s TV series The Saint, behind the wheel of a peppy, pearl-white Volvo P1800.

The nimble coupe gave legions of bad guys the slip during the show's six-season run and Moore was so enamoured with his beautiful co-star that he bought one of his own.

In recent years, Volvos have appeared all over, showcasing a dark side, a frat side, and a tween-fantasy side.

Breaking Bad's Gustavo Fring, the low-key owner of the Los Pollos Hermanos fast-food chain and a drug kingpin, drove around Albuquerque in a midnight-blue 1998 Volvo V70 station wagon.

"The guy drives a 10-year-old Volvo. It's brilliant," opines DEA agent Hank Schrader, as he begins to suspect that Fring is selling something even more addictive than fried chicken.

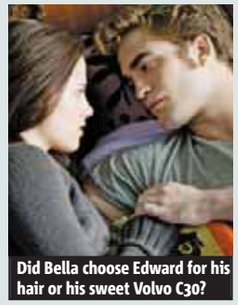
Breaking Bad drug kingpin Gustavo Fring kept a low profile by driving a 10-year-old Volvo V70. ALL PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED

Then there's Anders from Workaholics, who salutes his Nordic ancestors by porting his chucklehead brahs around in "The 'Vo." His red 1985 740 GLE is decidedly old-school, with its 14-inch mag wheels and in-dash cassette player, but it does the job — whether that's getting the boys to their telemarketing job or a breakfast burrito run.

Roger Moore played The Saint on the 1960s series, driving a Volvo P1800.

Twilight time

Volvo's most epic product placement may have been its big-screen vamping through the five-flick Twilight saga. Bella chose Edward over Jacob not only for his dander-free lifestyle, but also for the badass way he handled his silver Volvo c30. Of course, he upgrades to the roomier XC60 as their relationship matures. Perhaps that's why the XC60 has been Volvo's top-selling model since 2009.



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♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
Over the next few days you will have to strike a balance between the needs of loved ones, employers and other important people. Be smart.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
There will be times today when it seems that for every step forward you take you end up taking two steps backwards. It may be frustrating but go with the flow and don't get uptight.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
If you carry on spending money at the present rate you will soon be out of cash. It's time to be honest with yourself about how wasteful you have been lately.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
You will have to deal with someone who gets emotional for no good reason. They may be in tears but you must stay focus on what needs to be done.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You seem to be interested in strange ideas and people are starting to worry. They need not be concerned, you're just going through a rebellious phases when you refuse to be logical.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You expect great things of yourself, but sometimes you go too far and set targets that are impossible to reach. What happens over the next few days will bring you back to earth.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
The approaching full moon will make everyone a bit touchy over the next few days, so make allowances for them and make allowances for yourself as well.

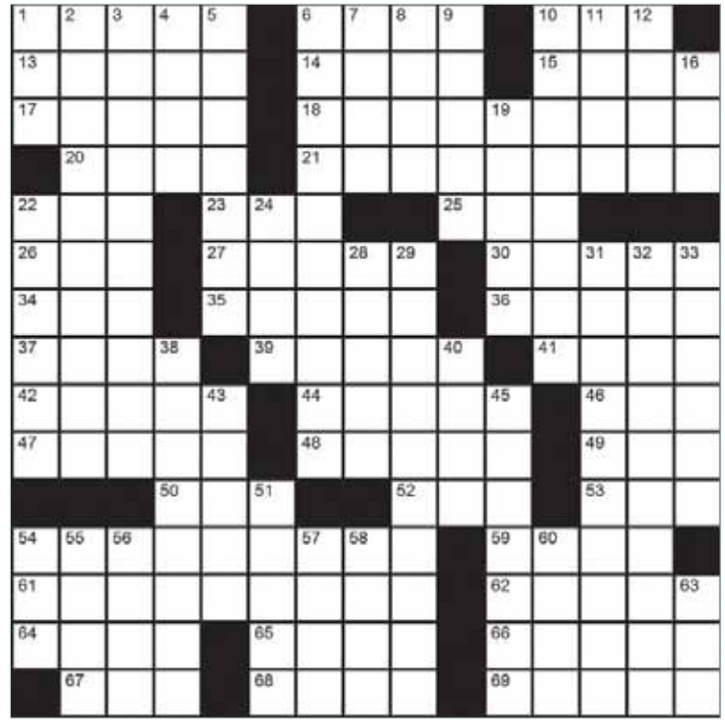
♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
What happens around the time of the full moon will turn everything upside-down, so there is no point taking anything too seriously. Go where there is laughter and fun.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You seem to believe that the best way to solve a problem is to throw money at it. All you will succeed in doing is wasting even more of your precious resources. Think again.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
The approaching full moon, which takes place in your birth sign this weekend, will upset your emotional equilibrium. But it'll also make you sensitive to the needs of partners.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Others may say that you have got something all wrong but you must not allow them to change your opinion.

Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan



Across
1. Happy as _ __!
6. Learning basics
10. __-Fi
13. Link with: 2 wds.
14. Run fast
15. TTFN's 'TT'
17. Mil. rank, __. __.
18. Central and Mountain ...in Canada: 2 wds.
20. Racetrack fence
21. Canadian series "Riverdale", for one: 2 wds.
22. Distinguished [abbr.]
23. Checkout scanner's target [acronym]
25. Jr.s' dads
26. "Diva __ _ Dime"
27. Bundle
30. Portia de __
34. Marry
35. Ms. Lauper
36. "Children __ __" (2006) starring Clive Owen
37. Svelte
39. __ Miller Band (More at #54-Across)
41. Rooters
42. Mr. Baldwin's
44. Careens
46. Composer, Francis __
47. Rick __ (Canadian member of The Band)
48. Salts sort
49. Mil. officers
50. __ _ few days
52. A-U link
53. Fido's doc
54. #39-Across tune that goes "Come on and dance..."
59. Mr. Redding
61. All day/all night store sign: wd. + number + abbr.
62. Stories
64. "Hello, __ _._.
65. Hanker
66. Luau dances
67. Farm pen
68. Words: French
69. Leaves in, in proofreading

Down
1. Nfld.'s water
2. Bug Off! __ candles
3. Founded in Quebec City in 1806, it was a French politically-motivated newspaper: 2 mots
4. "Bonne Fete _ __..."
5. Snail, for one, variantly
6. "Canada is our stage.": National __ __
7. Actor Scott
8. Dean Brody trophy, e.g.
9. Oozes
10. Visits quickly: 2 wds.
11. Tapdancer's prop
12. Roman road
16. Botanist Mr. Gray
19. Antonio Banderas' masked character
22. "Such a shame.": 2 wds.
24. __. Ed. (Gym class)
28. Take _ __ breath...
29. Smell, sight, touch, sound and taste: 2 wds.
31. Young Clark Kent series on Canadian actress Kristin Kreuk's resume
32. Red Chamber chair?: 2 wds.
33. Assert
38. The Kids in the Hall member Mark
40. Morlocks munchies
43. Blur hit: wd. + number
45. Polishes
51. 8am-starting workers ...when do they go home?: wd. + number + two letters
54. "__ _ heard..."
55. Typing stats
56. Superlative suffix
57. Cincinnati's state
58. 'Weren't', abbreviated
60. Pulled tightly
63. "Hiss!"

Yesterday's Crossword

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Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

			5		2			
		4				6		
2	6		4		7		3	1
	8						2	
7		9				1		8
	1						5	
5	7		6		9		4	3
		3				9		
			2		1			

Yesterday's Sudoku

2	6	8	4	9	7	1	3	5
7	9	5	3	1	6	8	2	4
4	1	3	5	2	8	7	6	9
6	7	1	8	3	9	5	4	2
8	4	2	1	6	5	3	9	7
3	5	9	7	4	2	6	1	8
9	2	7	6	8	1	4	5	3
5	3	6	2	7	4	9	8	1
1	8	4	9	5	3	2	7	6

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